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Subsequent Visit Date(s): January 21, 2016
June 17, 2016
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INTRODUCTION

The new Indiana Juvenile Detention Standards are in the process of being adopted, therefore the 20th annual evaluation of the Clark County Juvenile Detention Center consisted of an audit of the current 26 mandatory compliance standards or the corresponding 16 newly proposed mandatory compliance standards. Compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards is required to attain “Full Compliance”.

FACILITY INFORMATION

Facility county	Clark
Governing authority	Board of Judges
Name of facility administrator	Lyda Abell
Detention facility’s mission	To provide the protection and detention of youth in the least restrictive alternative of care. It is the philosophy and goal

	of the detention center to provide programming that adheres to the needs of the residents including medical/hygiene, information, education, life skills, counseling, drug and alcohol education, and religious services. The detention center is committed to providing the highest quality of detention services possible to the juveniles of Clark County and its surrounding region.
Rated capacity	14
Population on date of audit	8
Average daily population for the last 12 months	11
Average length of stay for the last 12 months	9 days
Year the building was built	1991
Minor upgrades since last audit (i.e. painting, flooring, bedding, furnishings)	None
Major upgrades since last audit (i.e. plumbing, electrical, security system)	None
De-escalation techniques training	Safe Crisis Management (SCM)
Physical force techniques training	Safe Crisis Management (SCM)
Chemical agents permitted	Yes
Name of food service provider	Clark County Juvenile Detention Center
Name of food service supervisor	Vicki Emery
Name of health care authority individual or agency and license/certification	Mike Hammond, LNP
Name of mental health care authority individual or agency and license/certification	Dorothy Hickerson, MSW

INSPECTION FOR COMPLIANCE WITH 26 MANDATORY STANDARDS

Auditors	Chance Sweat and Kristin Herrmann
File Review of the 26 mandatory standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zero (0) standards were identified as non-applicable, and zero (0) mandatory standards were found to be non-compliant. • Clark County Juvenile Detention Center was in compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards.
Facility Tour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Center was found to be clean, orderly, and well-maintained. • Juvenile cells had profanity, graffiti scratched on walls, bed frames, desks, and doors. • The resident's furniture is functional and in good condition. The showers were clean, operating properly and repainted. • The outdoor recreation area walls are clear of dirt and freshly painted.
Youth Interviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three youth, one female and two male, all with previous detention stays, were interviewed about their experiences at the Center. • All youth reported, without hesitation, feeling safe at the facility.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth felt they spend too much time on lockdown.
Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proof of practice to demonstrate compliance with specific standard requirements. Continue to conduct safety and security inspections, along with maintenance inspections, on a regular basis and complete repairs as needs.

SUBSEQUENT ANNOUNCED AND/OR UNANNOUNCED VISIT(S)

On 1/21/2016, a subsequent visit was conducted of the Clark County Juvenile Center by Chance Sweat. Youth were observed inside their sleeping rooms. The facility population count was 8. All youth appeared to be in good health. All areas of the facility appeared to be well-maintained, and the sanitation level in the facility was satisfactory. The food service department inventory records were accurate and up to date, and the kitchen was cleaned up and better organized.

On 6/17/2016, a second subsequent visit was conducted of the Clark County Juvenile Center by Chance Sweat. The facility tour was conducted by Asst. Director Snawder and the youth were observed participating in education classes. The facility population count is 8. All youth appeared to be in good health and all areas appeared to be well-maintained and sanitation levels in the facility were found to be satisfactory. The food service department inventory records were accurate and up to date and the kitchen was cleaned up and better organized.

On 10/18/2016, a third subsequent visit was conducted of the Clark County Juvenile Center by Chance Sweat. The facility tour was conducted by Asst. Director Snawder and the youth were observed participating in education classes. The facility population count is 11 youth. All youth appeared to be in good health and the sanitation levels in the facility were found to be satisfactory but the youth cells were in need of fresh paint. The food service department inventory records were accurate and up to date and the kitchen was cleaned up and better organized.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE VISIT(S)

The Clark County Juvenile Detention Center’s education technical assistance visit occurred on 1/21/16 and was conducted by Chance Sweat and Kristin Herrmann. The education program operates year round with instructional days of five hours. Instruction is delivered via an on-site, licensed classroom teacher either utilizing a curriculum created at the facility, overseeing an approved online instructional program or facilitating work assigned from the juvenile’s home school. The method of instruction depends on the juvenile’s need. Program staff includes one full-time teacher and one contracted teacher to work on the regular teacher’s days off.

The Clark County Juvenile Detention Center's training and development technical assistance visit occurred on 4/29/16 and was conducted by Chance Sweat, Laurie Elliott, and Kristin Herrmann. The technical assistance provided included identifying key changes to the standards, answering questions, and discussing the facility's training plan.

CONCLUSION

Clark County Juvenile Detention Center is in full compliance with the 2016 Indiana Detention Center Standards Audit performed by the Indiana Department of Correction, Division of Youth Services.

A certificate of compliance will accompany this report, which becomes public information ten (10) days from the date of mailing.

Please contact me at (317) 607-6507 should you have any questions concerning this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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